

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION, AURANGABAD

12—14 JANUARY, 1979

The Forty-Sixth Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission was held on 12th—14th January, 1979, at Aurangabad on the invitation of the Government of Maharashtra. This Session was earlier scheduled to be held in January, 1978, but had to be postponed at the last minute due to the prolonged strike of the employees of Government of Maharashtra. The Session opened with a group photograph of the members and the Inaugural Function in which prominent public members also participated. The Business Meeting of the Commission was held in the afternoon of the 12th January, 1979 in the Divisional Commissioner's Office. The Academic Session of the Commission and the Symposium on the papers based on newly discovered original records pertaining to the Post-1600 period of Indian history and on "Private Archives and their Problems", respectively were held in the forenoon of 13th January, 1979.

A cultural show was also organised in honour of the Members and delegates of the Commission and the excursions to Ellora and Ajanta were also arranged. The detailed programme of the Session is given in (Appendix I).

I. INAUGURATION

The Inaugural Function started at 11.00 A.M. on 12th January, 1979, at Nehru Bhawan with a Welcome Address by Prof. Sadanand Varde, Minister for Education, Government of Maharashtra (Appendix II). It was followed by the Inaugural Address by Shri Sadiq Ali, Governor of Maharashtra (Appendix III) and the Presidential Address by Dr. P. C. Chunder, Union Minister for Education and Social Welfare and Culture and Ex-Officio President of the Commission (Appendix IV). Thereafter Dr. S. N. Prasad, Director of Archives and the Ex-Officio, Secretary of the Commission placed his report before the Commission (Appendix V).

Shri S.A.I. Tirmizi, Deputy Director of Archives, National Archives of India and Ex-Officio Joint Secretary of the Commission, moved a vote of thanks (Appendix VI). The exhibition of historical documents was also arranged on the occasion at the Alankar Hall and it was inaugurated by the Education Minister of Maharashtra.